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FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE
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FOR HARBIN FROM MCHALE

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER SEMINAR, MAY 28-JULY 24

REFS: (A) STATE 60527 AND (B) AIDTO CIRCULAR A40

1. BASED ON MISINTERPRETATION REF. B, AMEMBASSY CANBERRA AND LABATT HAVE EXTENDED INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) TO NOMINATE PARTICIPANT IN SUBJECT PROGRAM.

2. THEREAFTER CANBERRA/MELBOURNE ADVISED BY REF. A THAT NO AID FUNDING AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND NO AID PROGRAMS EXIST FOR AUSTRALIA AND PNG. HOWEVER AID/W HAS INDICATED ILO REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK MAY STILL HAVE SOME GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROGRAM. AID/W FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT ILO OFFICE IN BANGKOK SHOULD BE QUERIED PROMPTLY.

3. WHILE NO FIRM COMMITMENT WITH REGARD FUNDING MADE TO PNG AND NO NOMINATION YET RECEIVED IN REPLY, LABATT FEELS THERE IS POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT IF PROJECT MUST BE ABRUPTLY WITHDRAWN.

4. LABATT ASKS IF INQUIRY COULD BE MADE OF ILO REGIONAL OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF AID/W SUPPOSITION IS CORRECT. IN VIEW
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EARLY DATE OF PROGRAM WOULD APPRECIATE MATTER BEING HANDLED WITH SOME URGENCY. PLEASE ADVISE.

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